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SUBJ: FIRE AT BANDUNG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

1. ON NIGHT OF SEPTEMBER 17 FIRE OF UNKNOWN (PROBABLY ACCIDENTAL) ORIGIN CAUSED SERIOUS DAMAGE TO CHEMISTRY LABORATORY, INCLUDING EQUIPMENT, AT BANDUNG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE (ITB). ITB IS UNDOUBTEDLY BEST TECHNICAL INSTITUTE IN INDONESIA AND HAS BENEFITTED OVER MANY YEARS FROM U.S. GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE. MOST IMPORTANT WAS AID FINANCED CONTRACT WITH UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY FROM 1957 THROUGH 1966 FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, PARTICIPANT TRAINING AND COMMODITIES.

2. FIRE HAS INTERRUPTED STUDIES OF SEVERAL HUNDRED STUDENTS AND HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS NATIONAL DISASTER BY MINISTER OF EDUCATION THAJEB. OTHER DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS CAN BE EXPECTED TO EXPRESS SYMPATHY WITH DISASTER AND OFFER ASSISTANCE. ACCORDING PRESS, NEW ZEALAND AND FRG EMBASSIES HAVE ALREADY DONE SO, AND PHILLIPS AUSTRALIA HAS ALSO OFFERED ASSISTANCE.

3. WHILE INDONESIA UNDOUBTEDLY CAPABLE OF FINANCING RESTORATION OF LABORATORY, EXPRESSION OF INTEREST ON OUR PART AND OFFER OF ASSISTANCE WOULD BE APPROPRIATE IN VIEW
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OF PAST ASSOCIATION AND WOULD BE APPRECIATED AS INDICATION

OF CONTINUING INTEREST.

4. I WOULD, THEREFORE, PROPOSE, SUBJECT TO EPARTMENT'S CONCURRENCE, TO SEND LETTER TO MINISTER OF EDUCATION WHICH WOULD EXPRESS OUR SYMPATHY OVER ACCIDENT AND WOULD INCLUDE FOLLOWING: QUOTE THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, IN VIEW OF THE RECOGNIZED IMPORTANCE OF ITB AND ITS PAST ASSOCIATION WITH THIS INSTITUTION, WOULD BE PREPARED TO ENTERTAIN REQUESTS FOR BOOKS OR EQUIPMENT UP TO A VALUE OF \$10,000 AS A CONTRIBUTION TO THE RESTORATION OF THE CHEMISTRY LABORATORY. UNQUOTE

5. SINCE RAPID RESPONSE TO SUCH ACCIDENTS INCREASES IMPACT OF GESTURE, I WOULD PROPOSE SEND SUCH LETTER NOT LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 30 AND WOULD INDICATE TO MINISTRY THAT WE WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THEIR RELEASING IT. I WOULD PROPOSE THAT LETTER BE SENT WITH DECISION ON EXACT TYPE OF RESPONSE AND SOURCES OF FUNDING BEING LEFT OPEN AND CONTINGENT UPON NATURE OF ASSISTANCE REQUESTED. FUNDING FOR SUCH PROJECT COULD COME INDIVIDUALLY FROM OUR IN COMBINATION WITH FOLLOWING POSSIBLE SOURCES:

A) SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY AUTHORITY OF AID;

B) USIS BOOK PRESENTATION RESOURCES;

C) EQUIPMENT FROM PRIVATE AMERICAN COMPANIES WITH INTERESTS IN INDONESIA CONTRIBUTED AS PART OF TOTAL ASG PACKAGE.
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